

participate in many community fundraisers, such as the Annual Hancock Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society. The bank also hosts an annual charity golf tournament that raises money for a local organization. This year, the tournament raised money that was donated to the Acadia Family Center to sponsor a year's worth of treatment for two individuals battling substance abuse. Additionally, Bar Harbor Bank & Trust employees teach local children lessons about saving money through the ABA's Teach Children to Save Day and explain how to use credit wisely to teenagers in the community. In 2016 alone, this bank provided over 450 children with lessons in savings education.

I wish to join the communities all around Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont in congratulating Bar Harbor Bank & Trust for this remarkable achievement on its 130th anniversary. I look forward to following its continued growth and service, and I applaud the bank for its dedication to its employees, customers, and local communities.

70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MAINE LOBSTER FESTIVAL

Mr. KING. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the Maine Lobster Festival on its 70th anniversary. On this date, the people of Maine celebrate our rich history in the valuable lobster trade, as well as the continuing commitment by our coastal communities to support and perpetuate our great maritime heritage.

Since 1947, The Maine Lobster Festival has provided the people of Maine and tourists with exciting events, entertainment, and Maine seafood. The festival emerged out of a community-based effort at reviving summer activities that Camden, ME, established prior to World War II. A small group of citizens and summer visitors came together to revel in their coastal marine community. Their small gathering, which lost money in its first year, moved to Rockland the following year and immediately became an annual staple of the coastal area's summer schedule, creating the Maine Lobster Festival to operate as a nonprofit corporation that is responsible for the festival to this day.

This nearly weeklong engagement in August is attended by both internationally recognized as well as local musicians and entertainers, who fill the concert stage with enthralling performances. A midway provides excitement for children of all ages. King Neptune and his court attend the event every year and a highlight is the crowning of the Maine Sea Goddess. The festival also boasts a wide range of Maine artistry, from craftsmen to painters, as well as one of the region's largest and most popular parades. In addition, there is often a U.S. Navy ship that offers unique tour opportunities to festival-goers. As the highlight, there are fresh lobster dinners prepared

in the world's largest lobster cooker for the thousands of hungry attendees. While you may no longer be able to get "all the lobster you can eat for \$1," the festival promises to have more than enough lobster to go around.

Year-in and year-out, the combined effort of more than a thousand volunteers generously donate their time makes the festival possible. Volunteers are committed to improving and showcasing midcoast Maine communities to the thousands of festival-goers that come from different parts of Maine, from across the country and around the world. Not only do they donate their time and effort, but they also donate all profits of the festival to Maine communities to provide needed support to local institutions such as food pantries, community service groups, emergency services, and college scholarships.

The Maine Lobster Festival is recognized nationwide as one of the best events in the country, and this distinction could not be bestowed on a more deserving enterprise. I wish to join the greater Rockland community, as well as the State of Maine, in congratulating the Maine Lobster Festival on its 70th year of being an historic and cherished Maine institution.

TRIBUTE TO MARION CURRY

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, the Senate Budget Committee wishes to honor and recognize Marion Curry on her retirement from the Congressional Budget Office. Marion has worked in the budget analysis division of the Congressional Budget Office in various capacities for more than 38 years and has been a full-time employee at CBO since 1987. During that time, she served as the administrative assistant for the projections unit, and over the past several years, she expanded her responsibilities to also encompass the health systems and Medicare unit, as well as the low-income health programs and prescription drugs unit.

During her long tenure at CBO, Marion has skillfully carried out a variety of tasks—carefully checking cost estimates as she produced drafts, ensuring that timesheets were done correctly, directing callers to the appropriate person, and in general assuring that administrative matters were taken care of without a hitch. Such duties have undergone many changes over the years—from using telephones as the primary method of contact, typing tables by hand, and sending paper copies of documents, to the current approach of using email as the primary method of contact, transferring spreadsheets to the editorial staff for producing tables, and sending PDFs of documents with supplemental data posted on the web. Through all of those changes, Marion readily adapted to new technology and procedures and carried out her responsibilities with good humor, professionalism, a giving spirit, and a dedication to serving the Congress and the public.

Marion contributed to CBO's work in ways that went well beyond her administrative responsibilities. She routinely took the lead to make sure that key life events of staff—such as birthdays, weddings, and births—were celebrated, and she was often the first person others in the organization consulted when they needed assistance with planning and organizing events. In addition, her contributions to the charitable works of the agency were well-known and appreciated. Marion is extremely warm, generous, and giving—she was always there to provide support, encouragement, and someone to talk to. Her contribution to the working environment at CBO was beyond measure, and she will be greatly missed.

TRIBUTE TO JEFFREY HOLLAND

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, the Senate Budget Committee wishes to honor and recognize Jeffrey Holland on his retirement after 26 years of distinguished service to the Congress with the Congressional Budget Office. Jeff is highly regarded by Republicans and Democrats on both sides of the Capitol for his deep knowledge of the budget process and his commitment to the nonpartisan role that CBO plays in the budget process.

Jeff arrived at CBO in 1991 soon after graduation from Carnegie Mellon University's Heinz School of Public Policy with a master's degree in public policy and management. He joined the projections unit in the budget analysis division, which is responsible for preparing projections of Federal spending, deficit, debt, and other data related to the Federal budget, as well as providing ongoing support to Congress.

In 1999, Jeff became chief of the projections unit, and for the past 18 years, he has successfully overseen the production of multiple reports on the Budget and Economic Outlook, annual analyses of the President's budget request, and also several reports on sequestration, the debt ceiling, national income, and product accounts, and the Troubled Asset Relief Program. Through all of these tasks, he has been the steady hand of the projections unit, generous with his time and knowledge, and highly responsive to questions and requests for data or information from the staff of the Budget Committee. His persistence, attention to detail, and reliably clear thinking have been vital to the smooth functioning of the budget analysis division. Senate staff and CBO colleagues have come to depend on him for his sage advice and deep understanding of the budget laws.

In addition, Jeff has often lent his expertise to legislative branches of other countries as they seek to develop their own capacity for nonpartisan budget analysis. He is a sought-after explainer of the Federal budget process to students visiting our Nation's Capital. In short, Jeff's expertise, knowledge, and generosity of time and spirit will be sorely missed. We wish him well as he

moves on after years of outstanding service to the Congress. We are grateful for that service, and we wish him the best in the years to come.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING BELLE LIKOVER

• Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, this week, the city I call home lost a great Ohioan, and Connie and I lost a friend, Belle Likover of Shaker Heights. Belle passed away at age 97, and over her extraordinary life, she saw the creation of our country's greatest social insurance programs: Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid—and fought to protect those lifelines for American seniors.

Ms. Likover was born the same year as my mother and grew up in Beaver Falls, PA. She remembered her childhood as a happy one, with one big exception: the Great Depression. In an interview several years ago, she talked about the lasting effects those memories had on her, saying, "We saw everybody else suffer. I remember the shantytowns. I remember people living in what used to be packing crates. There was a constant stream of people who came to our backdoor for food. My mother never turned anybody away."

Those experiences would shape her activism throughout her life. In high school and later in college, at the Ohio State University, she said she was "never bashful about speaking out." She joined the high school varsity debate team as a sophomore, as the only girl on the team, and learned how to marshal an argument. She told an interviewer that, "Every position of leadership I've had, I owe to that debate coach."

In college, she put that training to use, first getting involved in political causes in 1937, when she and a friend helped organize an antifascist group at Ohio State. They saw what was happening in Germany and across Europe and how dangerous that was for the world.

Growing up in that time of turmoil and as a woman at a time when her abilities would be constantly questioned, Belle faced setbacks. As a child, she asked for chemistry sets instead of dolls, but in college, a chemistry professor told her, "If you want a Ph.D., you better marry one." Her first husband laid down his life for our country during World War II, leaving Ms. Likover with a newborn daughter to raise.

She published papers without the Ph.D. that her male peers had and worked at the Cleveland Jewish Community Center's senior department, where she saw what a difference Social Security made in the lives of the elderly—and later how Medicaid and Medicare would change their lives. She went to grad school on a JCC scholarship.

Throughout the years, she never ceased in her activism. She joined me

at events many times to talk about the importance of Medicare. I interviewed Belle in the summer of 2015, marking the 50th anniversary of the passage of Medicare and Medicaid. She told me she was thrilled when it passed because she remembered how poor older people were when she was growing up—"They didn't have Medicare, they ended up in poorhouses," she told me. And she added, "Do you know how many people can't wait until they're 65 to get covered by Medicare?"

Just last fall, she joined us on a call with Ohio reporters to talk about how devastating it would be to raise the retirement age. That was Belle Likover—an activist and advocate, full of compassion but never bashful, all the way through age 97. Our family's thoughts and prayers are with Belle's loved ones. We will miss her, and we will strive to carry on her advocacy for Ohio seniors.●

TRIBUTE TO ERNEST "ERNIE" GRECCO

• Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, today I would like to congratulate a dear friend of mine, Mr. Ernest "Ernie" Grecco, for 55 years of dedicated service to the labor movement and to working men and women and their families in the Baltimore-Washington metropolitan area and across the Nation. Ernie recently retired after serving for 20 years as president of the Metropolitan Baltimore AFL-CIO Council, which covers Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Cecil, Harford, and Howard Counties. For the last 15 years, he also served as secretary on the board of directors of the United Way of Central Maryland. Ernie's vocation and his avocation have been to make life better for other people. There is an old saying, "You make a living by what you get; you make a life by what you give." Ernie has given so much to so many for so long. It is why I feel privileged and proud to call him my friend.

Ernie became involved in the labor movement in 1962 while he was working at Calvert Distilleries. He was a member of Distillery Workers Union Local 34 and was elected shop steward. He served as shop steward until 1970, when he was elected secretary-treasurer of Local 34-D. He also served as trustee of the Distillery Workers International Union.

In 1973, then-President Nick Fornaro of the Baltimore Central Labor Council hired Ernie as a job placement officer for the Institutional Training Project. In this capacity, Ernie was responsible for helping find jobs for hundreds of men and women housed at the Jessup and Hagerstown Penal Institutions who were qualified for work-release status. In 1976, he became the director of the Metropolitan Baltimore AFL-CIO Council's Committee on Political Education, COPE. He served in this position until 1983 when he became the COP director for the Maryland State

and District of Columbia AFL-CIO. He was elected to serve as president of the Metropolitan Baltimore AFL-CIO Council in 1987, and he also served as first vice president of the Maryland State and DC AFL-CIO.

Ernie has held many other leadership positions over the course of his illustrious career. For instance, he chaired the Young Trade Unionists, which was created to bring younger people into the labor movement, and he served as president of the Union Label & Service Trades Council, which promoted the purchase of union services and products. Ernie has also served on the Baltimore Workforce Investment Board, the Maryland Transportation Commission, the Maryland Workers Compensation Commission, and the Maryland Racing Commission.

As president of the Metropolitan Baltimore Council, Ernie established monthly meetings with the mayor of Baltimore City to encourage better communications and collaboration between the city and the unions. The committee consists of all city unions and a representative from the building trades. Ernie also championed the council's community services division. The community services division provides assistance to working people through information and referral advocacy to help them solve personal and family crises. The services include education and training for union peer counselors; Baltimore Works, a job placement program for dislocated workers; and Project LEAP, an adult education literacy program.

It should come as no surprise that Ernie has received numerous awards for his indefatigable service to people. He has the distinction of receiving not one, but two, national awards for community service, the Samuel Gompers Award from the American Red Cross in 1991 and the Joseph A. Beirne Award from United Way of America in 1999. Last year, United Way of Central Maryland gave Ernie its Philip H. Van Gelder Award for Community Services. In 1995, the Baltimore City Fire Fighters Local 734 and Baltimore City Fire Officers Local 964 created the Grecco Labor Award to be given to a firefighter who "best exemplifies the continuing and complex efforts of the local union membership to build the relationship between labor and management."

During Ernie's career, he has been much loved and respected not just in Baltimore, but in Annapolis and across the State of Maryland for his steadfast commitment to the labor movement and working people. He is, understandably, an avid Orioles, Ravens, and horse-racing fan. His retirement is bittersweet because his beloved wife Dorothy—"Dot"—recently passed away, but I know Ernie will spend much of his time with his daughter, Nina Grecco Dukes, and his son, Gary, and Gary's wife, Kelly, and his grandchildren, Ashley, Adam, Katy, and Ben.

I have relied on Ernie's sage counsel on labor matters and other issues over